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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW UN DISARMAMENT ROLE

1. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS DEVELOPMENTS DURING FIRST TWO DAYS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE'S ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION.

2. BRIEF OPENING MEETING AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 26 INVOLVED INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY UNSYG WALDHEIM AND ELECTION AS EXPECTED OF MRS. INGA THORSSON (SWEDEN) AS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. THORSSON ANNOUNCED HER UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BRUEARY WOULD CONSIST OF 10 MEMBERS BUT THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHO WOULD REPRESENT REGIONAL GROUPS. (WE GROUP HAS NOMINATED SWEDEN AND BELGIUM).

3. THORSSON HAD PLANNED TO ANNOUNCE IMMEDIATELY HER UNDERSTANDING ON COMMITTEE'S METHOD OF DECISION-MAKING, BUT US DEL PERSUADED HER TO DEFER ANNOUNCEMENT PENDING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. ORIGINAL SWEDISH FORMULATION CALLED FOR USE OF CONSENSUS, BUT QUOTED QUESTIONABLE INTERPRETATION OF CONSENSUS RULE PUT FORWARD BY UN LEGAL OFFICE IN 1974: "IN UNITED NATIONS ORGANS, THE TERM CONSENSUS WAS USED TO DESCRIBE A PRACTICE UNDER WHICH

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EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT; BUT IF THAT COULD

NOT BE DONE, THOSE DISSENTING FROM THE GENERAL TREND WERE
PREPARED SIMPLY TO MAKE THEIR POSITION OR RESERVATIONS KNOWN AND
PLACED ON THE RECORD.".

4. IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH SWEDES, US DEL OPPOSED INTERPRE-
TATION OF CONSENSUS AS "GENERAL TREND", AND SUGGESTED
INSTEAD A PROCEDURE THAT WOULD PERMIT ONLY RECOMMENDATIONS
THAT COULD BE AGREED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPEAR IN THE REPORT.
SWEDISH DEL REJECTED SUGGESTION ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD
GIVE ANY DELEGATION VETO OVER COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.
AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS, US DEL PROPOSED FOLLOWING
LANGUAGE, WHICH WAS ACCEPTABLE TO SWEDISH, BRITISH,
AND SOVIET DELS: "IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT DELEGATIONS
WISH TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT
ON AS MANY OF THE ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AS POSSIBLE,
WITH THE PROVISION THAT ANY DELEGATION OR GROUP OF DELEGATIONS
MAY HAVE THEIR OWN COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS RECORDED IN
THE REPORT IN ADDITION TO THOSE FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS
THAT ARE ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY.".

5. THORSSON READ STATEMENT AT JANUARY 27 MEETING AND WAS
ABOUT TO DECLARE IT ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION AS COMMITTEE
PROCEDURE WHEN TUNISIAN REP (DRISS) REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT
OF DECISION UNTIL OTHER PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS COULD BE
DISCUSSED. THORSSON AGREED TO POSTPONE DECISION UNTIL
LATER IN ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION. SHE LATER TOLD US DEL SHE
WOULD BE MEETING DRISS LATER JANUARY 27 AND SPECULATED
THAT HIS INTERVENTION DID NOT REPRESENT SERIOUS OPPOSITION
TO CHAIR'S PROPOSED PROCEDURE.

6. AT JANUARY 27 MEETING AMB HAMILTON (SWEDEN), ON
BEHALF OF COSPONSORS OF UNGA RESOLUTION THAT ESTABLISHED AD
HOC COMMITTEE, INTRODUCED WORKING PAPER THAT (1) SUGGESTS
ISSUES CONCERNING UN DISARMAMENT ROLE THAT GOVERNMENTS MAY
WISH TO ADDRESS IN THEIR COMMUNICATIONS TO UNSYG, (2)
RECOMMENDS THAT UNSYG BE INVITED TO PROVIDE TO COMMITTEE ANY
VIEWS HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE ON UN
DISARMAMENT ROLE, AND (3) PROPOSES PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
SECOND COMMITTEE SESSION IN JUNE. COPIES OF WORKING PAPER POU-
CHED TO IO/UNP (LONG) AND ACDA/IR (BLACK).

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7. SWEDES HAD ORGINALLY PLANNED TO HAVE COMMITTEE TAKE DECISION
ON WORKING PAPER, INCLUDING SUGGESTED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR
GOVERNMENTS' REPLIES TO UNSYG. HOWEVER, SINCE SEVERAL DELS
OBJECTED TO SUGGESTED TERMS OF REFERENCE, PARTICULARLY TREATMENT
OF RELATIONSHIP OF UNGA TO CCD, SWEDES ABANDONED IDEA OF COMMITTEE
DECISION ON WORKING PAPER. WORKING PAPER WILL SIMPLY BE
TRAMSMITTED, TOGETHER WITH SUMMARY RECORDS AND OTHER COMMITTEE

DOCUMENTATION, TO UN MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION.

8. SWEDES NONETHELESS HOPE TO HAVE COMMITTEE ADOPT ONE ELEMENT OF WORKING PAPER-THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR SECOND SESSION. PRESENT DRAFT CONTAINS NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR US, ALTHOUGH WE ARE TRYING TO ELIMINATE WHAT WE SEE AS EXCESSIVE DETAIL IN DESCRIBING HOW WORK OF SECOND SESSION WILL BE ORGANIZED (E.G., BY SETTING UP WORKING GROUPS).

9. UNLESS UNEXPECTED SNAGS DEVELOP, THORSSON EXPECTS AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONCLUDE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

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